

SHORTHAIR FANFARE

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DGSPC MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT: PARL LARSON

At this summer's NGSPA Chukar championships Parl Larson was presented with the Dave McGinnis Award. The most prestigious award that the National German Pointer Association Board of Trustees gives. It states "In your support of the NGSPA and it's national and regional activities, you have been not only a winner in the field of competition but also a man of unswerving integrity and devotion to the principle of fair sportsmanship. The Board of Trustees of the National GSP Association honor you in this way."

It all started in the early 1960's when the older daughters rebelled at retrieving shot birds on the family dove hunt. The solution for replacement was to get a bird dog. The boys and Parl, after a diligent search decided a GSP was the versatile dog needed. Heide joined the family.

At that time in Phoenix there was no field dog clubs but a retriever club was forming so knowing nothing about training, but willing to learn, Parl joined up. Although Heide won and held her own in fun retrieving trials at puppy and derby stage, it was apparent she was bred to quarter and hunt instead of taking a straight line.

Bill West, a pro from California came to town and Forrest Cooper who had Magma game preserve in Florence assembled a bunch of all breed people including Parl, and the Arizona Bird Dog Club was formed. When it was known that

get the GSPs together so Parl and a couple of other Desert members helped organize and became charter members of Southern AZ GSP Club.

In order to get some national exposure, Parl was the guiding light in organizing Amateur Field Trial Club of America Region 12 which encompasses Arizona and New Mexico and included all breeds registered in the American Field Dog Stud Book. Parl then organized the GSP clubs in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas west of the Pecos to be in the National GSP Association Region 12. He served as regional trustee in both organizations for several years. Working with Gene Shultz he was also a charter member in forming the National Chukar Association.

For 15 years Parl served on the Board of Directors of the GSP Club of America. The last 5 years of that tour he served simultaneously on the Board of Trustees of the National GSP Association, his desire was to eliminate any antagonism between
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AKC would not sanction a licensed field trial to an all breed club, the majority of members in the AZ Bird Dog Club had short-hairs so it was logical for the AKC club to be a GSP club. Parl was one of the charter members of the Desert GSPC. There was a growing interest in Tucson to

MEMBER BRAG BOX

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR '05 & '06

BOARD MEETINGS:

December 6, 2005
(location TBA)
February 7, 2006 (location TBA)
April 4, 2006 (location TBA)

All members are welcome to attend

GENERAL MEMBER MEETINGS:

JB's Restaurant
2500 W. Indian School Rd
(next to Map World)
7:00 p.m.

January 5, 2006

February 22, 2006
April, 2006 (Field Trial grounds) Annual Meeting and Elections

A small note of gratitude to Al Maher who saved my computer from being thrown out the window by stepping in to do a bit of photo editing for me. Hugs to you my friend!

-Doris

From member **Al Maher:**

"FC/AFC Odyssey's Tribute To Freedom MH" ..."Heidi"...took a five week trip to Nebraska and Colorado during September and October with her "driver" Al, her horse and two Brittany house mates.

Good fortune smiled on the trip as Heidi was able to "finish" her FC title with two consecutive OGD wind in Colorado within a seven day period, on the 24th of September and the 1st of October. "At just two years old, Heidi is among a very small group of Pointing/Sporting Dogs to complete all three titles at such a young age.

From DGSPC member **Bill Rowekamp:** Budd's Paitriot (Tankk), owned by Bill Rowekamp of Sonoita, AZ, and handled by Eldon Hongo has won the 2005 NGSPA Region 8 All-Age Championship which was held near Cheyenne Wyoming. Tankk, broke away with a strong initial shooting dog cast and then warmed to the task. Tankk took a two-mile fence line on the west side of the course out of sight. He was next seen at the base of a cliff making his way to the top of a bluff. When he reached the top, he was again spotted moving from left to right out of sight. There was a hard ride up a mesa where the dog was again observed far to the front. Tankk was next shown on the east side of the course moving far to the front down a fence line. He was found on point and Hongo flushed the birds with Tankk mannerly at the shot and he retrieved with precision. At the end of the hour Tankk was making a big cast to the front.

Sport's See That Spekk, owned by Bill Rowekamp of Sonoita,



FC/AFC ODYSSEY'S TRIBUTE TO FREEDOM MH HEIDI

hour. This was a truly an impressive race and hunting effort by an hour all-age Shorthair.

From **Blair and Jean Holzer:** Thunder does it again!! Winning the AZPDC Tournament of Champions for the third year in a row!

From **Dan and Doris Schoenfelder:** We just received word that CH Crestone's Most Wanted Fugitive had two big Gun Dog Group wins in New Zealand.

From DGSPC members **Rick and Debbie Maher:** Our "red-dog", "Sierra", CH Taunee's Lightning Strike CD JH, Vizsla, finished her CD title at the Rio Salado Vizsla Club Specialty and took High in Trial to top it off. We are very proud of her and look forward to working towards her SH in the spring. Special thanks to Tim Kulish who put all three legs on our "Sierra".

AZ, and handled by Eldon Hongo of Cheyenne, Wyoming, won the inaugural running of the NGSPA Hungarian Partridge All-Age Championship. Spekk, who has numerous wins in NGSPA all-age stakes, may have run one of his greatest races to win this championship. Spekk broke away strong going forward at great range in the buffalo grass prairies before swinging onto the valley floor. He hung the coyote willow edges along the creek with good speed showing an intense desire to hunt the course. Spekk pointed at 35 on a fresh hawk killed bird. He was sent on and reached down the valley floor pinning a covey of hunts at 40. Spekk was sent up into the canyons and showed a lot of desire as he ran up and through the rim rocks. He was found on a stylish stand at 52 near a rock outcropping, and a tremendous covey of chukars was flushed with manners all in order. Spekk, running in heat and into a strong wind, finished on a strong forward cast at the end of the



Please send pictures and any accomplishments you and your dogs have achieved to CrestoneGSP@msn.com or you can mail to 36633 N 21st Street, Desert Hills, AZ 85086. All photos will be returned.

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the 2 major organizations of the GSP world. Same people, same dogs. He felt in some ways he accomplished that goal. In 3 of the 15 years he served on the NGSPA Board he served as President.

In the field, Parl has served in all capacities in local trials as bird planter to chairman to judge. He chaired National championship field trials for both the GSPCA and NGSPCA plus Regional and Specie championships. He accepted numerous judging assignments around the country including National Championships of GSPCA & NGSPA and Regional & Specie trials.

Parl trains and handles his own dogs always accepting suggestions from fellow trainers and pros. He has 26 AKC field champion titles with 15 dogs. His dogs have won several Region and Specie championships. Nationally he had several dogs with placements but the two outstanding ones were Agnes and Kandu. Kandu was GSPCA national Open Gun Dog of the year 1993 and NGSPA Region and Specie Champion. Agnes was one of the greatest of GSP bitches. She won NGSPA Championships in Regions and Specie trials and was runner up in the National Amateur Championship in 1993. In 1989 she won the GSPCA National Amateur Championship in Eureka Kansas and placed 4th in the Open Gun Dog Championship. The following year she again won the National Amateur Championship (Kandu was 4th) and she topped that off by also winning the

GSPCA National Open Gun Dog Championship this same year. She finished her career with a 3rd place in the '93 National Amateur Championship.

Going to field trials and the Nationals each year has resulted in unforgettable experiences and the making of cherished acquaintances. The camaraderie is exceptional. Parl was fortunate in having the support of wife, Shirley, in all these endeavors and because of her support of the parent club as hospitality chairman and merchandise chairman both Shirley and Parl were awarded Honorary Life Memberships in the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America.

Since the inception of the Desert GSP Club many fond memories come to mind: Planning and attending field trials, club meetings, training classes for all breeds, hosting National Field Championships and National Specialty Shows, annual dove roast and trap shoots and snake breaking seminars.

It is good to see the club sponsoring many activities and the more the whole family can be involved the more the club will flourish.

- Photo on front page is Parl and Agnes. Many thanks to Parl for sharing his story and for all he has done for us GSP Enthusiasts in Arizona and surrounding areas.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DGSPC SPONSORED EVENTS:

December 10 and 11, 2005

AKC Hunting Test—Double Test with the English Setter Club of Phoenix. Test will be held at the Robbins Butte Wildlife Area near Buckeye.

For more info please contact Event Secretary Tina Louie at GSP4vr@aol.com or 602-295-6456 and Kay Humes at fireside@cox.net or 480-510-9414

January 20, 21, 22, 2006

Tombstone Field Trial to be held at Cowan Ranch .

For more info contact Event Secretary Doris Schoenfelder at CrestoneGSP@msn.com or 480-488-4687

May 1, 2006

Specialty Show, Junior Showmanship and Sweeps

May 2, 2006

Specialty Show, Junior Showmanship and Obedience Trial.

Both events will be held at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel, 2620 W. Dunlap Ave in Phoenix. Superintendent is Roy Jones Dog Shows (260) 925-0525

Event Chairman for both Specialty Shows is Ken Clemons

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST:

Region 12 Championship—**January 23 thru 27, 2006.**

SAGSPC Tombstone Trial—**January 28, 29, 30, 2006.**

Event Secretary: Rosemary Besenick, 520-455-0159 or perroviz@direcway.com

GSPC of America National Specialty Show. Following the DGSPC Specialty Shows at the Sheraton Crescent. There will be hospitality and many other activities. For more information please visit <http://www.gspca.org>

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help out at any of these events, please contact the Event Secretaries or the Club Secretary.

!!REMINDER!!

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2006 7:00 pm

JB's Restaurant I-17 and Indian School

Come early and Enjoy dinner

!!REMINDER!!

Desert GSPC

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We're on the WEB!

[Www.dgspc.org](http://www.dgspc.org)

WEBSITES OF GENERAL INTEREST

[Www.gspca.org](http://www.gspca.org)—German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America

[Www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)—American Kennel Club

[Www.gspcarescue.com](http://www.gspcarescue.com)—Rescue for German Shorthair Pointer Club of America

[Www.gspdirectory.com](http://www.gspdirectory.com)—A directory of German Shorthaired Pointers

[Www.optigen.com](http://www.optigen.com)—Testing for Cone Degeneration (CD) in your GSP

[Www.vetinfo.com](http://www.vetinfo.com)—Encyclopedia of Canine Healthcare information

[Www.azdogs.com](http://www.azdogs.com)—general information on AZ dog clubs and events

[Www.vetcancerregistry.com](http://www.vetcancerregistry.com)—Vet cancer Registry

[Www.merckvetmanual.com](http://www.merckvetmanual.com)—The Merck Veterinary Manual

[Www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org)—Orthopedic Foundation for Animals

[Www.srdogs.com](http://www.srdogs.com)—Information on caring for Senior Dogs

[Www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org)—American Veterinary Medical Association

[Www.doghealthguide.com](http://www.doghealthguide.com)—Comprehensive online information for your dog's health

[Www.ask-the-vet.com](http://www.ask-the-vet.com)—Online Vet for dog health questions

[Www.petswelcome.com](http://www.petswelcome.com)—Database of hotels, motels, inns, and B&B that accept pets

[Www.canine-epilepsy.net](http://www.canine-epilepsy.net)—Canine Epilepsy Network

[Www.thecheckcord.com](http://www.thecheckcord.com)—Bird Dog and Upland Hunting E-zine

[Www.AZOD.com](http://www.AZOD.com)—AZ sportsman E-zine